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Letter dated 16 May 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 13 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union on Moldova-Transdniestria.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 82 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement on Moldova-Transdniestria, issued on 13 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the agreement between the President of the Republic of Moldova and the representatives of Transdniestria and the signature of a memorandum of understanding in Moscow on 8 May which could provide the basic conditions for further negotiations. The memorandum of understanding and a joint supplementary statement were also signed by the mediating States, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, and the current Chairman of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The European Union remains of the opinion that completion of the process of a regulated withdrawal of the Russian troops from the region would be a significant contribution to the final settlement of the Transdniestrian problem. The Union strongly hopes that this memorandum of understanding will prove to be an important step forward on the way to achieving a permanent and comprehensive political solution to the Transdniestrian problem within the territory of Moldova.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and Cyprus, Iceland and Norway align themselves with this statement.